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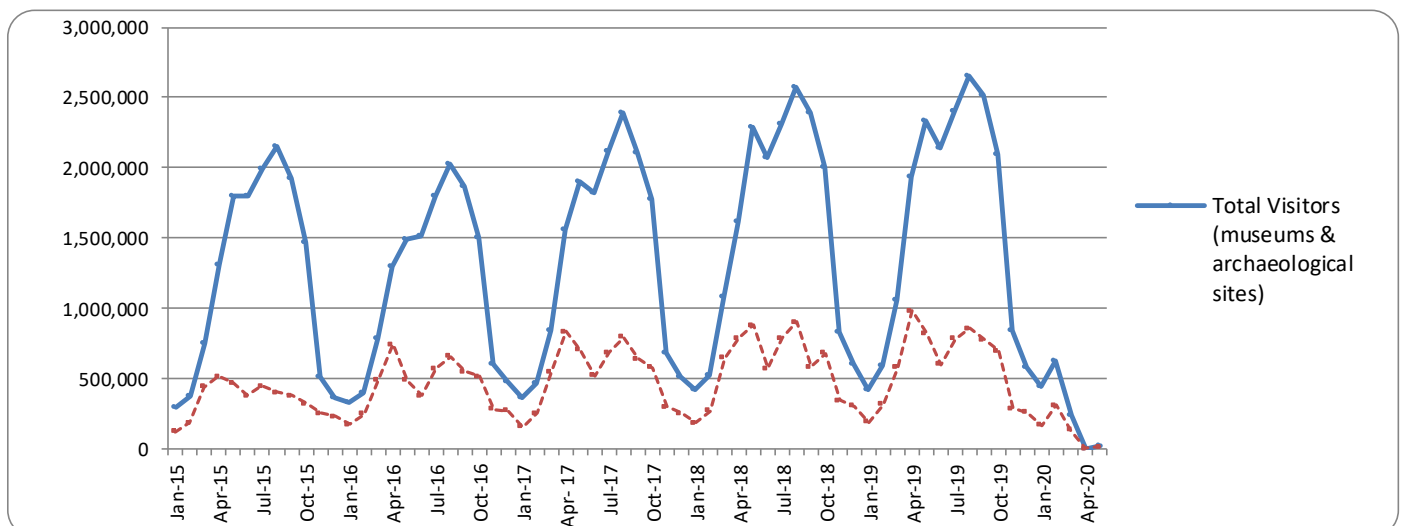


PRESS RELEASE SURVEY ON MUSEUMS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES ATTENDANCE MAY 2020

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the results of the *Survey on Museums and Archaeological Sites Attendance* for May 2020. More specifically:

- Museums, whose operation was suspended on 14 March 2020 in the framework of the preventive measures for Covid-19 pandemic, remained closed for the public during April and May 2020 (Table 1).
- Similarly, Archaeological sites, whose operation was suspended on 14 March 2020, remained closed for the public during April and until the 17th May 2020, i.e. they operated for a total period of fourteen (14) calendar days. During that period of May 2020, compared with May 2019, the number of visitors at Archaeological sites recorded a decrease of 98.9%, while a decrease of 98.0% was observed in the number of free admission visitors and a 99.3% decrease in the corresponding receipts (Table 1).
- During the five-month period from January to May 2020 compared to the corresponding period of 2019, a decrease of 75.4% was observed in the number of visitors of Museums, while a decrease of 75.1% was recorded in the number of free admission visitors and an 81.4% decrease in the relevant receipts, taking into consideration that the operation of Museums had been suspended from 14 March until 31 May 2020 (Table 2).
- As regards Archaeological sites, during the five-month period from January to May 2020 compared to the corresponding period of 2019, a decrease of 81.2% was recorded in the number of visitors, while an 80.7% decrease was observed in the number of free admission visitors and an 86.6% decrease in the relevant receipts, taking into consideration that the operation of Archaeological sites had been suspended from 14 March to 17 May 2020 (Table 2).

Graph 1: Visitors of Museums and Archaeological sites (January 2015 – May 2020)



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**TABLE 1: VISITORS OF MUSEUMS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES - TOTAL RECEIPTS
(MAY 2019 & MAY 2020)**

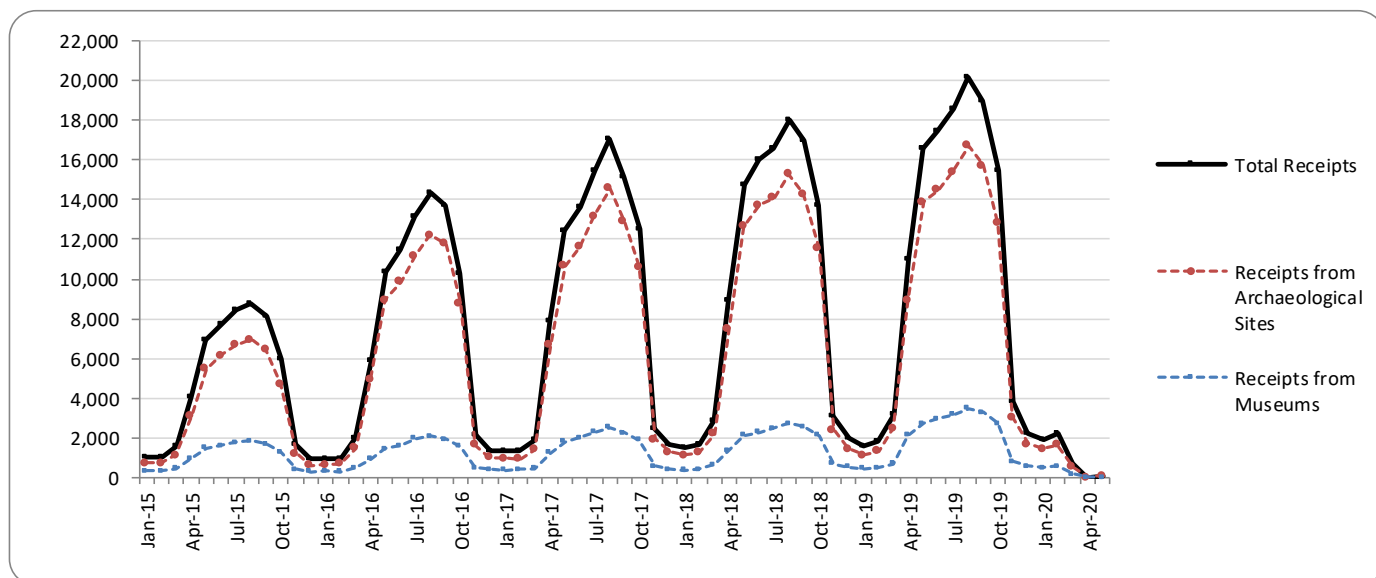
I. NUMBER OF VISITORS			
Museums and Archaeological sites	2019	2020 ⁽¹⁾	Change 2020/2019
Total number of visitors (A+B)	2,333,248	18,518	-99.2%
A. Museums (C+E)	677,833	-	-
Acropolis Museum	175,143	-	-
National Archaeological	61,081	-	-
Ancient Olympia	21,486	-	-
Palace of the Grand Master (Rhodes)	29,122	-	-
Herakleion Archaeological (Crete)	73,736	-	-
White Tower	26,428	-	-
Delphi	39,024	-	-
Other museums	251,813	-	-
B. Archaeological Sites (D+F)	1,655,415	18,518	-98.9%
Epidavros ⁽²⁾	66,894	495	-99.3%
The Acropolis of Mycenae & Atreus' Treasure	65,168	616	-99.1%
The Acropolis of Athens	402,659	5,299	-98.7%
Sounio	40,335	3,204	-92.1%
The Acropolis of Lindos	62,045	71	-99.9%
Royal Tombs of Vergina	33,184	0	-100.0%
Ancient Olympia	54,539	337	-99.4%
Knossos (Crete)	104,194	433	-99.6%
Phaistos (Crete)	13,302	24	-99.8%
Ancient Korinthos ⁽²⁾	26,883	187	-99.3%
Mystras ⁽²⁾	18,625	167	-99.1%
Delphi	44,591	544	-98.8%
Other archaeological sites	722,996	7,141	-99.0%
II. VISITORS WHO PAID TICKET			
	2019	2020	Change 2020/2019
Total number of visitors who paid ticket (C+D)	1,512,193	8,195	-99.5%
C. Museums	374,737	-	-
D. Archaeological sites	1,137,456	8,195	-99.3%
III. VISITORS WITH FREE ADMISSION TICKETS			
	2019	2020	Change 2020/2019
Total number of visitors with free admission ticket (E+F)	821,055	10,323	-98.7%
E. Museums	303,096	-	-
F. Archaeological sites	517,959	10,323	-98.0%
IV. RECEIPTS (euros)			
	2019	2020	Change 2020/2019
Total Receipts (G+H)	16,599,386	91,519	-99.4%
G. Museums	2,726,813	-	-
H. Archaeological sites	13,872,573	91,519	-99.3%

⁽¹⁾ Museums remained closed from 14 March to 31 May 2020, while Archaeological sites remained closed from 14 March to 17 May 2020.

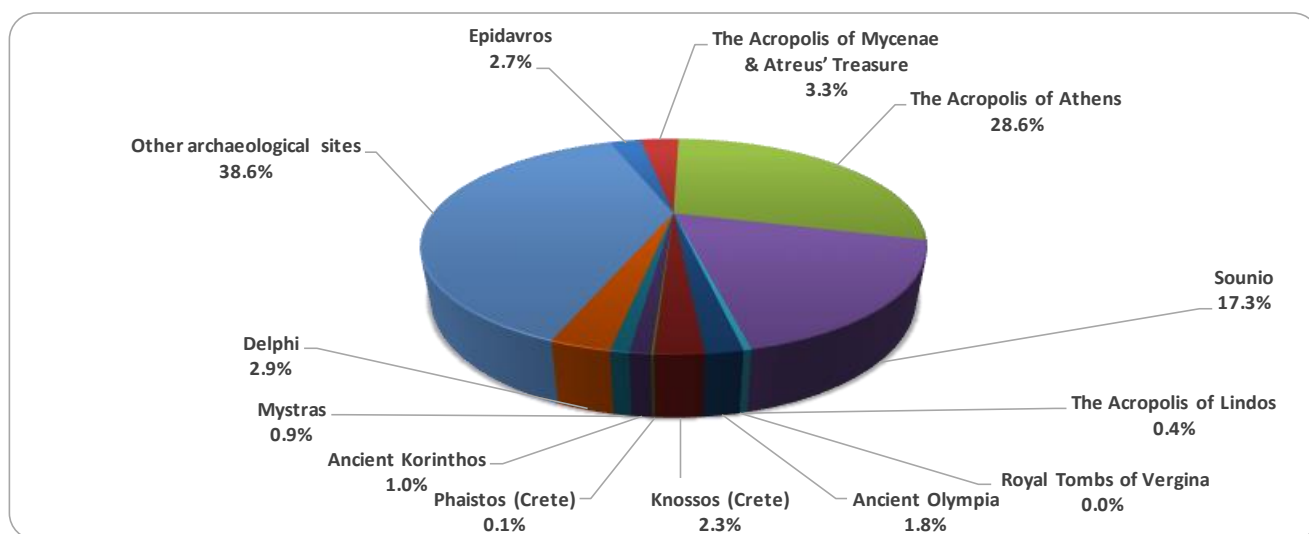
⁽²⁾ Flat rate ticket, valid both for the museum and the archaeological site.

The following graphs depict the evolution of the receipts (Graph 2), as well as the number of visitors by Archaeological Site (Graph 3).

Graph 2: Receipts from Museums and Archaeological Sites (January 2015 – May 2020)
(in thousand euro)



Graph 3: Percentage distribution of visitors by Archaeological site, May 2020



**TABLE 2: VISITORS OF MUSEUMS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES - TOTAL RECEIPTS
(2018, 2019, JANUARY-MAY 2019, 2020)**

I. VISITORS					
Museums and Archaeological sites	2018	2019	JANUARY-MAY		change 2020/2019
			2019	2020 ⁽¹⁾	
Total number of visitors (A+B)	18,603,576	19,559,278	6,331,595	1,314,830	-79.2%
A. Museums (C+E)	5,702,211	5,895,927	2,113,473	520,305	-75.4%
Acropolis Museum	1,774,304	1,755,435	656,031	183,711	-72.0%
National Archaeological	594,219	608,876	238,474	61,125	-74.4%
Ancient Olympia	156,658	159,348	69,234	8,129	-88.3%
Palace of the Grand Master (Rhodes)	242,759	263,958	50,708	4,639	-90.9%
Herakleion Archaeological (Crete)	555,031	660,533	151,364	19,080	-87.4%
White Tower	225,944	251,760	90,379	36,122	-60.0%
Delphi	249,754	275,993	114,692	22,535	-80.4%
Other museums	1,903,542	1,920,024	742,591	184,964	-75.1%
B. Archaeological Sites (D+F)	12,901,365	13,663,351	4,218,122	794,525	-81.2%
Epidavros ⁽²⁾	548,890	535,751	197,246	29,901	-84.8%
The Acropolis of Mycenae & Atreus' Treasure	495,993	502,619	199,800	29,962	-85.0%
The Acropolis of Athens	3,150,604	3,593,586	1,171,113	303,080	-74.1%
Sounio	306,665	337,544	115,924	38,950	-66.4%
The Acropolis of Lindos	489,431	525,757	91,699	2,318	-97.5%
Royal Tombs of Vergina	222,503	223,151	97,843	19,353	-80.2%
Ancient Olympia	484,238	457,710	141,972	15,332	-89.2%
Knossos (Crete)	855,663	949,192	211,694	23,635	-88.8%
Phaistos (Crete)	134,538	121,796	36,614	8,960	-75.5%
Ancient Korinthos ⁽²⁾	196,944	214,023	72,743	13,732	-81.1%
Mystras ⁽²⁾	145,939	147,713	49,338	7,664	-84.5%
Delphi	405,947	405,348	148,615	32,586	-78.1%
Other archaeological sites	5,464,010	5,649,161	1,683,521	269,052	-84.0%
II. VISITORS WHO PAID TICKET					
	2018	2019	JANUARY-MARCH		change 2020/2019
			2019	2020	
Total number of visitors who paid ticket (C+D)	11,576,404	12,434,987	3,457,776	698,449	-79.8%
C. Museums	3,155,269	3,345,997	1,018,063	247,893	-75.7%
D. Archaeological sites	8,421,135	9,088,990	2,439,713	450,556	-81.5%
III. VISITORS WITH FREE ADMISSION TICKETS					
	2018	2019	JANUARY-MARCH		change 2020/2019
			2019	2020	
Total number of visitors with free admission ticket (E+F)	7,027,172	7,124,291	2,873,819	616,381	-78.6%
E. Museums	2,546,942	2,549,930	1,095,410	272,412	-75.1%
F. Archaeological sites	4,480,230	4,574,361	1,778,409	343,969	-80.7%
IV. RECEIPTS (euros)					
	2018	2019	JANUARY-MARCH		change 2020/2019
			2019	2020	
Total Receipts (G+H)	115,774,516	130,938,846	34,106,761	4,917,214	-85.6%
G. Museums	18,251,493	23,343,026	6,408,039	1,193,563	-81.4%
H. Archaeological sites	97,523,023	107,595,820	27,698,722	3,723,651	-86.6%

⁽¹⁾ Museums remained closed from 14 March to 31 May 2020, while Archaeological sites remained closed from 14 March to 17 May 2020.

⁽²⁾ Flat rate ticket, valid both for the museum and the archaeological site.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Survey on Museums and Archaeological Sites Attendance	<p>The Survey on Museums and Archaeological Sites Attendance has been producing results since 1970, The survey collects data from the Archaeological Receipts Fund (ARF) of the Ministry of Culture and Sports concerning the number of visitors and the receipts from the tickets sold in the Museums and Archaeological sites of the country.</p> <p>The corresponding data for the Acropolis Museum is available from December 2009 onwards.</p>
Legal Framework	<p>The survey is conducted since 1970 on a regular basis and it produces results on a monthly and yearly basis, in compliance with the Joint Ministerial Decision 15189/B379/73.</p>
Reference Period	<p>01/05/2020 to 31/05/2020</p>
Methodology and Definitions	<p>The Survey is conducted on a monthly basis from data mainly collected from the Archaeological Receipts Fund (ARF) of the Ministry of Culture and Sports concerning the number of visitors and the receipts from the tickets sold in the Museums and Archaeological sites of the Country. ELSTAT tabulates and present the data for the whole of the Country, by month and by year.</p> <p>Number of flat rate tickets</p> <p>From April 1999 onwards, in some museums and the nearby archaeological sites, in addition to the ordinary ticket, a new “flat rate ticket” was established, which is valid for both the museum and the nearby archaeological site, The total number of these flat rate tickets for May 2020 was 159.</p>
References	<p>More information on the Survey on Museums and Archaeological Sites Attendance and detailed time series are available on: http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SCI21/</p>